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Cindy Staszak  
Bureau of Land Management  
Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument  
669 South Highway 89A  
Kanab, Utah 84741

Subject: Authorization for Full Release of Reclamation Surety and File Closure, Alpine Gems, Butler Valley Quarry, S/025/0016, Kane County, Utah

Dear Ms. Staszak:

The Bureau of Land Management is currently holding \$4,500 cash as a form of reclamation surety for the Butler Valley quarry. This site was reclaimed in 2012, and a representative of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (Division) inspected the site on April 27, 2015. The Division considers reclamation to be successful and authorizes full release of the reclamation surety.

The site was found to be stable and vegetation is establishing. The Division believes that all practical work for reclamation has been completed. Part of the consideration for this action is to keep equipment out of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument that would be needed to properly prepare a seed bed and reseed.

Rather than returning the \$4,500 surety to the estate, the Division requests that the money be transferred to the surety for the Big Dry Valley quarries (Division permit number S/025/0015, BLM file numbers UTU-67098 and UTU-78391). Paul Lamoreaux was the permittee for the Butler Valley quarry, and his son, Ben Lamoreaux, has agreed to this action. Please see the attached e mail message. This transfer would assure sufficient surety for the Big Dry Valley quarries until planned reclamation work is completed this fall on a portion of that site.

Please inform the Division when the surety transfer is complete. The Division will then formally notify Alpine Gems and Minerals that this file is closed.

Please contact Lynn Kunzler at 801-538-5310 or me at 801-538-5261 if you have questions about aspects of this letter. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

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